



Environment and Natural Resources Committee

DRAFT Minutes

November 7, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Patty Werner – Lake County SMC, Lenore Beyer-Clow – Openlands, Jon Grosshans – USEPA Region 5, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Anne McKibben – CNT Energy, Mike Sullivan – Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Marty Jaffe – University of Illinois at Chicago, Joe Schuessler – Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Sean Weidel – Chicago Department of Transportation

Staff Present: Jesse Elam, Gordon Smith

Others Present: Michael Hoadley – FEWZ, LLC

1.0 Call to Order

Lenore called the meeting to order and a round of introductions followed.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Moved legislative update to end of agenda. Patty asked for the names of those conducting de-icing workshops in other counties and got several.

3.0 Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2012

The minutes were approved with no changes.

4.0 Coordinating Committees Update

Lenore attended the Local Coordinating Committee meeting. It approved the Local Technical Assistance project list, including the consolidated IL 53/120 planning efforts. The Committee heard a presentation on the Park Forest Sustainability Plan. Jesse reported on the Regional Coordinating Committee; the main item of interest was the water policy memo that ENR had seen in October in an earlier form.

6.0 Update on Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge

Lenore gave an update on the Hackmatack Refuge, referring to a PowerPoint presentation. She said that the refuge had officially been created by the US Fish and Wildlife Service taking an easement on a 12-acre property owned by Illinois DNR. A member asked about the level of support from Wisconsin. The state was found to be hard to engage, likely for political reasons. Another person asked if Hackmatack is a potential model for what the Millennium Reserve: Calumet Core might be. She answered that since the MR is a collection of projects under one banner rather one

unified federal project, probably not, even though there may be federal money involved in MR. (Both are America's Great Outdoors projects, an Obama Administration initiative.)

7.0 Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Jesse introduced the agenda item by saying that he understood the committee had questions about its direction and that he hoped to discuss them. He also said he wanted to revisit the committee's original charge. It was noted that during GO TO 2040 development, it was clear what the committee was expected to do, but that now it is not. The committee needs to move into a plan implementation mode, they felt, and it also needs to have substantive, worthwhile meetings. Members said that the committee's responsibility to review LTA projects is not clear, and that at the meeting in the summer when the committee was asked for input on the projects, they had not had enough time to review the materials. The committee felt that it didn't need to see every LTA projects, just the emblematic projects so that it could help shape them. A re-draft of the committee vision and charge from the ENR website was brought out. Members reviewed it and made suggested changes. Jesse was asked to incorporate the changes and bring the revised version back to the committee for a vote at the next meeting.

Future meetings were suggested on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's watershed management ordinance, the Illinois stormwater standards, and the Energy Impact Illinois program.

5.0 Legislative Update

Gordon addressed the committee and said that CMAP's priorities in the upcoming legislative session would be reinvigorating water supply planning, funding for CMAP, and performance-based programming. Lenore mentioned that the DNR revenue bill was probably going to be reactivated in the veto session as well as potentially local food initiatives. Anne said that next year the renewable portfolio standard, which needs reform, might be brought up. ComEd is expected to bring smart grid legislation.

8.0 Other Business

None.

9.0 Public comment

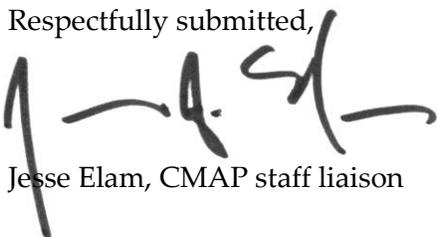
None.

10.0 Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for January 2, 2013.

11.0 Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Elam, CMAP staff liaison